

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTION BANK FEBRUARY 2019

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Q 1 *“Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0” is organized by which of the following ministries?*

- a. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- b. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- c. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- d. Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- e. Ministry of Human Resource Development

Q2. *UNESCO has declared 2019 as the International Year of*

- a. Millets
- b. Period Table of Chemical Elements
- c. Women Empowerment
- d. Space Research
- e. None of the above

Q3. *INSTEX acronym of Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges is a project of the three governments which of the following is not one of these three?*

- a. United Kingdom
- b. Germany
- c. France
- d. Russia
- e. None of the above

Q4. *The central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia will launch a common digital currency called*

- a. Aber
- b. Petro
- c. Nabar
- d. Khalees
- e. None of the above

Q5. *Pasupu-Kumkuma (Turmeric-Kumkum) scheme is associated with which of the following states?*

- a. Odisha
- b. Karnataka
- c. Andhra Pradesh

- d. Telangana
- e. None

Q6. What is the total amount to be given to women under Pasupu-Kumkuma (Turmeric-Kumkum) scheme?

- a. 5,000
- b. 10,000
- c. 11,000
- d. 15,000
- e. None

Q7. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the First Revised Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation, 2017-18. The forecast for GDP growth for 2017-18 was increased to

- a. 6.9%
- b. 8%
- c. 7.5%
- d. 7.2%
- e. None



Q8. Kisan Suvidha loan' for small and marginal farmers is launched by

- a. Fincare Small Finance Bank
- b. Suryoday Small Finance Bank.
- c. Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank
- d. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- e. None of the above

Q 9. Which state bagged the Saubhagya Excellence Award' for being the first State in the country to achieve 100% household electrification under 'Saubhagya' scheme?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Gujarat
- c. Jammu and Kashmir
- d. Punjab
- e. None

Q 10. Which state has become the first State to set up a Price Monitoring and Research Unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO)?

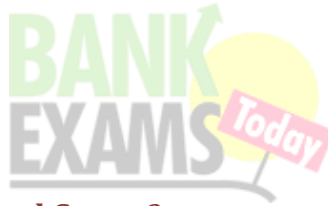
- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Kerala
- c. Punjab
- d. Rajasthan
- e. None

Q 11. With which of the following countries did India signed a memorandum of understanding to release a joint commemorative stamp on Princess Suriratna, a legendary Princess of Ayodhya?

- a. South Korea
- b. Japan
- c. China
- d. Sri Lanka
- e. None of the above

Q 12. Which state has recently passed a bill to make Sanskrit its second official language?

- a. Himachal Pradesh
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Andhra Pradesh
- e. Arunachal Pradesh



Q 13. Which state will host 2022 National Games?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Manipur
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Mizoram
- e. None

Q 14. Minister of Human Resources and Development Prakash Javadekar launched SHREYAS which stands for

- a. Scheme for Higher Education Young Achievers and Students
- b. Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills
- c. Scheme for Higher Education Youth Apprenticeship and Start-up
- d. Scheme for Higher Education Young Apprenticeship and Skills
- e. None of the above

**Q 15. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding Operation Digital Board?
(i) It was launched by Ministry of Communications and Information Technology**

(ii)

University Grant Commission will implement this scheme in schools and Higher educational institutes

(iii) It will be introduced all over the country in government and government aided schools from class 6th onwards as well as in higher education institutions.

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (i) is correct
- d. Only (ii) is correct
- e. Only (ii) and (iii) are correct

Q 16. A clearance for bulk production of 114 ' _____ artillery guns has been received by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) from the Indian army. It is the first long-range artillery gun to be produced in India.

- a. Dragunov
- b. Black Eagle
- c. Dhanush
- d. Cobra
- e. None

Q 17. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding Chhatra Bruti scholarship?

(i) It is a part of KALIA scheme

(ii) It was launched in Odisha

(iii) Through the scheme the State Government will bear all expenditure including course fees, hostel fees and mess fees upto 10 lakh

- a. None is correct
- b. All are correct
- c. Only (i) and (ii) are correct
- d. Only (i) is correct
- e. Only (ii) is correct

Q 18. Bandipur Tiger Reserve and National Park is in

- a. Karnataka
- b. Odisha
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Andhra Pradesh
- e. None

Q 19.

According to the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) Periodic Labour Force survey (PLFS), India's unemployment rate was at a 45-year high of _____ percent during 2017-18.

- a. 5.6%
- b. 6.1
- c. 11%
- d. 6.8%
- e. 9%

Q 20. *What is India's rank in the Inclusive Internet Index 2019 prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for Facebook?*

- a. 69th
- b. 33rd
- c. 58th
- d. 47th
- e. 25th

Q 21. *The data released from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries shows that the FDI inflows to India contracted by _____ per cent to USD 33.49 billion during April-December in the financial year 2018-19.*

- a. 7%
- b. 5%
- c. 5.5%
- d. 7.5%
- e. 6%

Q 22. *International Mother Language Day is observed every year on*

- a. February 20
- b. February 21
- c. February 15
- d. February 18
- e. None

Q 23. *Which of the following statements are incorrect regarding the revised GST tax rates for the tax rate on under-construction residential properties and the affordable housing projects category?*

(i) The GST council has reduced the GST rate for under construction residential properties from the present 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

(ii) The GST rate for affordable housing category is now 5 per cent compared to the present 8 per cent.

(iii) For under construction and affordable housing category the builders would not be able to claim the input tax credit

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (i) is incorrect
- d. Only (ii) is incorrect
- e. Only (iii) is incorrect

Q 24. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) formed a 4-member committee to look into the matter of taxation related pain points and submit its final report and recommendations by mid-March. It will tackle the issue by addressing some current pain points and recommending some steps borrowed from international best practices. Who is the head of the committee?

- a. Sanjeev Sharma
- b. Sandeep Chauhan
- c. Sudeep Singh
- d. Sujeet Ghai
- e. None of the above

Q 25. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding the relaxed norm under the definition of Start-Ups?

- a. The investment limit of angel investors to seek exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961 has been increased to Rs 15 crore from 10 Crore.
- b. An entity shall be considered a start-up up to 15 years from its date of incorporation/ registration instead of the previous period of 10 years.
- c. An entity would be considered as a startup up to a turnover of Rs 100 crore as against the earlier limit of Rs 25 crore.
- d. Only (a) and (b)
- e. Only (b) and (c)

Q 26. Indus River Dolphin is declared the State Aquatic Animal of which of the following states

- a. Punjab
- b. Gujarat
- c. Himachal Pradesh
- d. Uttrakhand
- e. None

Q 27. The Government reduced the import duty on parts and components of electric vehicles to

- a. 10-15%

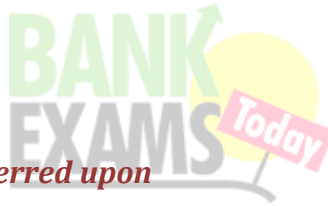
- b. 12-
- c. 13-14%
- d. 15-20%
- e. None

Q 28. Under the Kisan Suvidha Loan, the farmers can get loan from _____ to _____ without any collateral.

- a. Rs. 60000 to Rs. 2 Lakh
- b. Rs. 50000 to Rs. 2 Lakh
- c. Rs. 60000 to Rs. 1 Lakh
- d. Rs. 50000 to Rs. 1.5 Lakh
- e. None of the above

Q 29. Who has been appointed as the chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a fixed tenure of two years?

- a. Romil Kumar Desai
- b. Rajeev Pratap Singh
- c. Rishi Kumar Shukla
- d. Rohith Nagarjun
- e. None



Q 30. Carnot Prize 2018 has been conferred upon

- a. Piyush Goyal
- b. Narendra Modi
- c. Chandrababu Naidu
- d. Sarbanda Sonowal
- e. Pema Khandu

Q 31. Which of the following statements are correct according to the Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index released recently?

- (i) Demark is the second least corrupt country in the world.**
- (ii) New Zealand is at the top followed by Finland on the third spot.**
- (iii) Sudan is the most corrupt country in the world**
- (iv) India's rank is 78th.**

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (ii) and (iv) are correct
- d. Only (i) is correct

e. Only
is correct

Q 32. . What is the target year set up by India to eliminate TB?

- a. 2022
- b. 2023
- c. 2024
- d. 2025
- e. 2030

Q 33. National Strategic Plan 2017 - 2025 is formulated to eliminate which of the following diseases in India?

- a. Tuberculosis
- b. Measles
- c. Cancer
- d. HIV-AIDS
- e. None

Q 34. Complete the sentence

Elimination of a disease is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as there should be less than _____ case of TB for a population of a million people.

- a. 10
- b. 5
- c. 1
- d. 4
- e. 2

Q 35. India is now the second largest consumer and importer of the LPG in the world. Which of the following countries is at the top?

- a. Japan
- b. China
- c. Russia
- d. South Africa
- e. None

Q 36. Sela Tunnel Project is in

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Madhya Pradesh
- c. Himachal Pradesh

- d. Uttrakhand
- e. None

Q 37. PM Narendra Modi launched a dedicated 24×7 Satellite channel for Arunachal Pradesh. What is the name of the channel?

- a. DD Prabhas
- b. DD Ullas
- c. DD Anubhav
- d. DD Anuprabha
- e. DD Vikhyat

Q 38. Which of the following stadium is to be renamed after P A Sangma?

- a. Dikkibandi stadium
- b. Aalo Stadium
- c. Paljor Stadium
- d. Nongstoin Stadium
- e. Zotlang Stadium

Q 39. Name the vehicles flagged off by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to spread awareness regarding family planning in urban and rural areas?

- a. Sudesh Sarthi Vahan
- b. Sarath Sandesh Vehicle
- c. Sarath Sandesh Vahini
- d. Sarthi Sandesh Vahini
- e. None of the above

Q 40. Which of the following statements is/are incorrect regarding know India programme?

(i) 50% of the total cost of international airfare is also paid by the Ministry.

(ii) It was a two-week programme in existence since 2005

(iii) It is implemented by Ministry of External Affairs

(iv) Since 2016, four KIPs are being organised in a year.

- a. All are incorrect
- b. None is incorrect
- c. All are incorrect except (iii)
- d. All are incorrect except (iv)
- E All are incorrect except (i)

Q 41. A

maximum of _____ Indian Diaspora youth are selected for each programme and provided full hospitality in India under Know India Programme?

- a. 50
- b. 40
- c. 33
- d. 60
- e. 90

Q 42. Which of the following is correct regarding Arundhati Scheme?

- a. It is launched in Arunachal Pradesh
- b. The scheme is limited for economically weaker sections, whose annual income is below Rs 6 lakh.
- c. Under the scheme, the government aims to provide 1 Tola Gold to brides
- d. The government has set aside Rs 500 cr has been for the implementation of the Arundhati Scheme.
- e. None of the above

Q 43. What is the mascot of 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the conservation of migratory species (CMS) to be held in Gujarat next year?

- a. Fire Tailed Myzornis.
- b. Great Indian Bustard
- c. Amur Falcon
- d. Rosy Starling
- e. Himalayan Monal



Q 44. The seventh annual World Government Summit was held in

- a. Dubai
- b. Turkey
- c. Sri Lanka
- d. Egypt
- e. India

Q 45. Who has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' award?

- a. Sumit Pradhan
- b. Suraj Rudy
- c. Sudeep Banerjee
- d. Sanjiv Chadha
- e. None

Q 46.

According to the recent six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has, the definition of "bulk deposits" has been increased to

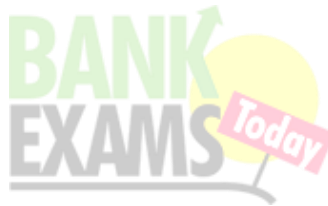
- a. 5 crore
- b. 3 crore
- c. 2 crore
- d. 4 crore
- e. None

Q 47 Which country has included Hindi as the third official language to be used in its courts?

- a. Doha
- b. Qatar
- c. Dubai
- d. Abu Dhabi
- e. None

Q 48. The book "Law, Justice and Judicial Power – Justice P N Bhagwati's Approach" is authored by

- a. Abita Desai
- b. Vikram Seth
- c. Mool Chand Sharma
- d. Aravind Adiga
- e. Shashi Deshpande



Q 49. The first World Pulses Day 2019 was observed on

- a. 10 February
- b. 15 July
- c. 9 January
- d. 18 April
- e. None of the above

Q 50. Where was the first Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Medical College and hospital in North India inaugurated recently?

- a. Jhajjar
- b. Faridabad
- c. Ambala
- d. Mohali
- e. Panchkula

Q 51. National Productivity week 2019 in India was celebrated from

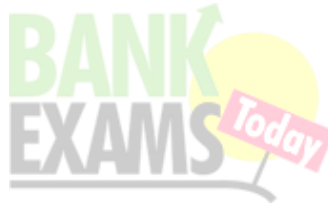
- a. February 10th to 16th
- b. February 11th to 17th
- c. February 13th to 19th
- d. February 12th to 18th
- e. None of the above

Q 52. What percentage of Quota is provided to Gujjars under Rajasthan Backward Classes Amendment Bill, 2019?

- a. 3%
- b. 5%
- c. 6%
- d. 9%
- e. 10%

Q 53. Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-gradation Scheme is associated with

- a. Mahila Sehkari Samitis
- b. ITIs
- c. Weavers
- d. Agricultures
- e. MSME



Q 54. In TERI, R stands for

- a. Rejuvenation
- b. Recycle
- c. Research
- d. Resources
- e. None

Q 55. International Hockey Federation (FIH) Player of the Year (men) was conferred upon

- a. Jaromír Jágr
- b. Arthur van Doren
- c. Wayne Gretzky
- d. Jonathan Toews
- e. Connor McDavid

Q 56. World Radio Day is observed on

- a. February 14
- b. February 13

- c. February 12
- d. February 11
- e. February 10

Q 57. Name the portal launched by NITI Ayog for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs?

- a. e-Aushadhi
- b. e-ved
- c. vedehi
- d. e-vidushi
- e. None

Q 58. Who among the following is the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment in India?

- a. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- b. D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- c. Narendra Singh Tomar
- d. Thaawarchand Gehlot
- e. None of the above

Q 59. Which of the following statements is/are true regarding PRANAM?

- (i) It stands for Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring
- (ii) It belongs to Arunachal Pradesh
- (iii) This bill includes parents and physically-abled siblings who are not earning.

- a. All are true
- b. none is true
- c. All are true except (i)
- d. All are true except (iii)
- e. Only (i) is true

Q 60. Who has been awarded the prestigious Global Future For Nature Award 2019 for her work on marine conservation?

- a. Dr. Divya Girdhar
- b. Dr Divya Karnad
- c. Dr. Divya Dutt
- d. Dr. Divya Goswami
- e. None

Q 61.

won the Comeback of the Year award at Laureus World Sports Awards 2019?

- a. Tiger Woods
- b. Novak Djokovic
- c. Simone Biles
- d. Naomi Osaka
- e. None

Q 62. Which Municipal Corporation of Chhattisgarh has won the "Swachhata Excellence Awards 2019"?

- a. Raigarh
- b. Ambikapur
- c. Durg
- d. Bilaspur
- e. Bhilai

Q 63. Match the following appointed persons with their respective designation and organization

Appointed Person	designation and organization
A. Govind Prasad Sharma	(i) President of the Astronomical Society of India
B. G C Anupama	(ii) Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes
C. Pramod Chandra Mody	(iii) National Book Trust
D. Uma Nath Singh	(iv) first Lokayukta of Nagaland

- a. A-(iii); B-(ii) ; C-(i) D-(iv)
- b. A-(iii); B-(iv) ; C-(ii) D-(iii)
- c. A-(ii); B-(i) ; C-(iii) D-(iv)
- d. A-(iii); B-(i) ; C-(ii) D-(iv)
- e. None is correct

Q 64. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana?

- (i) It was launched in Madhya Pradesh
- (ii) It provides 100 days of employment every year to urban and rural youths
- (iii) The youth would get Rs 4000 stipend per month
- (iv) The scheme defines Economically weaker sections as those whose family's annual income is less than Rs 5 lakh

- a. None is correct
- b. All are correct

- c. Only
- and (ii) are correct
- d. Only (i) and (iii) are correct
- e. Only (i); (iii) and (iv) are correct

Q 65. Which of the following statement is/are correct regarding Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan.?

(i) The scheme belongs to Tamil Nadu

(ii) The state government has increased its financial contribution for the scheme to 70 per cent

(iii) The private groups getting involved would have to give 20 per cent.

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (i) is correct
- d. Only (ii) is correct
- e. Only (iii) is correct

Q 66. Which of the following statements is/are correct for Mahatma Gandhi scholarships for study in India ?

(i) It is for Sri Lankan Students

(ii) Recipients of the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships receive cash assistance during their three years of Advanced Level studies.

(iii) The awardees receive 1 lakh rupee annually.

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. Only (i) is correct
- d. Only (ii) is correct
- e. Only (iii) is correct

Q 67. The Reserve Bank of India created a single category for Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs) by bundling their present three-tier structure. Asset finance companies, Loan companies and Investment companies have been merged into a new category called

- a. NBFC- Investment and Credit Companies
- b. NBFC- Credit Investment Companies
- c. NBFC- Investment and Credit Control Companies
- d. NBFC- Investment and Credit Creation Companies
- e. None of the above

Q 68. Which of the following statements are correct regarding Women's Livelihood Bonds (WLBs)?

(i) It is

launched by IMF, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

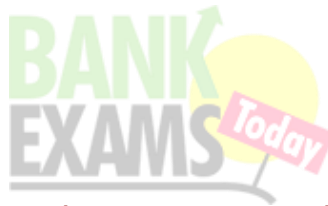
(ii) It is launched with an initial corpus of Rs 300 crore.

(iii) It will enable individual women entrepreneurs in sectors like food processing, agriculture, services and small units to borrow around Rs 1 lakh to Rs 3 lakh at an annual interest rate of around 13% to 14% or less and have a tenure of 5 years.

- a. None is correct
- b. All are correct
- c. Only (i) is correct
- d. Only (ii) is correct
- e. Only (iii) is correct

Q 69. *IT giant, Infosys has launched an app _____ app to offer learning and engagement experiences for engineering students. The online free platform is open to all engineering students in their third and fourth year. What is the name of the app?*

- a. InfyTS
- b. InfyTQ
- c. InfyQT
- d. InfyQS
- e. InfyTR



Q 70. *Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding WorldClass' initiative?*

(i) It was launched by MicroSoft India

(ii) It focuses on women empowerment

(iii) The initiative aims to support 5 million girls and women by 2030 through education and skills development.

- a. All are correct
- b. None is correct
- c. All are correct except (i)
- d. All are correct except (ii)
- e. Only (ii) is correct

Q 71. *Mohamed Tahir Ayala has been appointed as Prime Minister of nd women by 2030 through education and skills development.*

- a. Oman
- b. Serbia
- c. Sudan

- d. Chad
- e. Ghana

Q 72. Who won the 2018 Player of the Year award by Asian Hockey Federation?

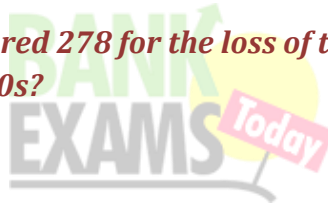
- a. Harmanpreet Singh
- b. Manpreet Singh
- c. Rupinder Singh
- d. Sandeep Singh
- e. Ramandeep Singh

Q 73. Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium is in

- a. Dehradun
- b. Mumbai
- c. Pune
- d. Mizoram
- e. Mohali

Q 74. Which country's cricket team scored 278 for the loss of three wickets in the 20 overs and registered the highest-ever total in T20s?

- a. Zimbabwe
- b. Australia
- c. India
- d. Afghanistan
- e. New Zealand



Q 75. Recently Titanwala Museum' has been inaugurated in which of the following states?

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Uttrakhand
- c. New Delhi
- d. Odisha
- e. Madhya Pradesh

Q 76. The Union Minister of Railways Piyush Goyal has launched a dashboard that encompasses all the digitisation efforts in Indian Railways and promotes transparency and accountability. Name the dashboard.

- a. Rail Divyam
- b. Rail Raj
- c. Rail Sugam

- d. Rail
- Drishyam
- e. Rail Drishti

Q 77. Who has been chosen for META Lifetime Achievement Award 2019?

- a. Ramanand Vaghmare
- b. Jignesh Patel
- c. Sumeet Shahi
- d. Mahesh Elkunchwar
- e. None

The Minister for Human Resources Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar has launched a scheme for providing industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS). Launched in New Delhi, the program aims to enhance the employability of Indian youth by providing 'on the job work exposure' and earning of stipend.

78. Which of the following schemes is discussed in the above paragraph?

- a. SAHAYAK
- b. SWAJAL
- c. SWAYATT
- d. SHREYAS
- e. None



79. Which of the following is/are not one of the ministry/department participating in the implementation of the scheme?

- (i) Ministry of Human Resource Development**
- (ii) Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**
- (iii) Ministry of Labour & Employment**
- (iv) Minister of Minority Affairs**

- a. All are included except (i)
- b. All are included except (ii)
- c. All are included except (iii)
- d. All are included except (iv)
- e. All are included except (ii & iii)

80. Which country topped the Inclusive Internet Index 2019?

- a. Swedan
- b. Netherlands

- c. Canada
- d. Germany
- e. Norway

81. The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) payroll data released by the Central Statistical Office (CSO) suggests _____ jobs created in 16 months. (During September 2017 and December 2018)

- a. 5 crore
- b. 2 crore
- c. 1 crore
- d. 3 crore
- e. 4 crore

82. In which of the two cities was the National Institute of Design inaugurated recently?

- a. Surat, Kanpur
- b. Hyderabad, Jaipure
- c. Jorhat, Bhopal
- d. Guwahati, Dehradun
- e. None of the above



83. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers in India is

- a. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- b. D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- c. Narendra Singh Tomar
- d. Thaawarchand Gehlot
- e. None of the above

84. Global Business Summit 2019 was held in

- a. New Delhi
- b. Jaipur
- c. Pune
- d. Mumbai
- e. Goa

85. Indus River Dolphin is declared the State Aquatic Animal of which of the following states?

- a. Punjab
- b. Gujarat
- c. Himachal Pradesh

- d. Uttrakhand
- e. None

86. The Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal has announced the creation of new railway zone for Andhra Pradesh, Southern Coast Railway Zone to be headquartered in

- a. Visakhapatnam.
- b. Amaravati
- c. Vijayawada
- d. Guntur
- e. Tirupati

87. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has prescribed _____ minutes of weekly physical activity for the age group of _____ years to reduce the incidence of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD).

- a. 120; 18-65
- b. 140; 18-60
- c. 130; 17-64
- d. 160; 18-64
- e. 150; 18-64



88. India's largest multi-cultural street festival -The Kala Ghoda festival was organized in

- a. Chandigarh
- b. Jaipur
- c. Mumbai
- d. Pune
- e. Indore

89. EXERCISE VAYU SHAKTI-2019 was organized in

- a. Rajasthan
- b. Punjab
- c. Odisha
- d. Himachal Pradesh
- e. None the above

90. How much amount has Reserve Bank of India recently paid to Government of India as Interim Dividend?

- a. Rs 28,000 crore
- b. Rs 25,000 crore

- c. Rs 23,000 crore
- d. Rs 22,000 crore
- e. None of the above

91. Which of the following is/are not one of the three models of proposed three models through which the states can implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana?

- a. Insurance model
- b. Trust Based model
- c. Hybrid Model
- d. Pool Model
- e. Both (ii) and (iii)

92. Who became the first woman flight engineer of Indian Air Force?

- a. Hina Jorwar
- b. Hina Jain
- c. Hina Jaiswal
- d. Hina Jassal
- e. None

93. Atal Innovation Mission has signed a Statement of Intent with which of the following organisations to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills? Under the agreement, Digital Disha Programme across 100 schools will be implemented under Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) initiative?

- a. Adobe
- b. FlipKart
- c. Amazon
- d. Google India
- e. Microsoft

94. RBI raised the limit of collateral-free agricultural loans to Rs.

- a. 1.5 lakh
- b. 2 lakh
- c. 1.6 lakh
- d. 2.4 lakh
- e. 3 lakh

95. Who among the following is appointed as PNB Metlife's brand ambassador?

- a. Saina Nehwal

- b. Mary
- c. PV Sindhu
- d. Mirabai Chano
- e. None

ANSWERS

1. Answer: e. Ministry of Human Resource Development; Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi interacted with a cross section of Students, Teachers and Parents from India and abroad in an expanded edition - Pariksha Pe Charcha 2.0 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi. The programme is organised by Ministry of Human Resource Development,
2. b. Period Table of Chemical Elements; The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2019 as the International Year of Indigenous Languages. Many countries take part in the global and local events to promote the UN years.
3. d. Russia; INSTEX acronym of Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges is a project of the three governments of UK, France and Germany to bypass US sanctions on Iran
4. a. Aber
5. c. Andhra Pradesh; Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the second phase of Pasupu-Kumkuma (Turmeric-Kumkum) scheme and welfare pensions. Under the second phase of the scheme, women who are a part of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) will be given Rs 10,000 in three instalments.
6. b. 10,000; Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the second phase of Pasupu-Kumkuma (Turmeric-Kumkum) scheme and welfare pensions. Under the second phase of the scheme, women who are a part of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) will be given Rs 10,000 in three instalments.
7. d. 7.2%; The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the First Revised Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation, 2017-18. The forecast for GDP growth for 2017-18 was increased to 7.2%
8. d. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank; Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) announced the launch of Ujjivan Bank Kisan Suvidha loan to offer financial credit services to small and marginal farmers.
9. c. Jammu and Kashmir; The Jammu and Kashmir today bagged 'Saubhagya Excellence Award' for being the first State in the country to achieve 100% household electrification under 'Saubhagya' scheme.
10. b. Kerala; Kerala has become the first State to set up a Price Monitoring and Research Unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices under the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO)

11. a. South Korea; During the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to South Korea seven agreements were signed to boost up the cooperation. One of these is to releasing a joint stamp, commemorating Princess Suriratna (Queen Hur Hwang-ok), a legendary Princess of Ayodhya, who went to Korea in AD 48 and married King Kim-Suro
12. a. Himachal Pradesh; Himachal Pradesh has passed the Bill to make Sanskrit as the second official language of the state after Hindi.
13. c. Meghalaya; Meghalaya will host the 2022 National Games, which is coinciding with its 50 years of statehood.
14. b. Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills; The Union Minister of Human Resources and Development Prakash Javadekar launched the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) programme to provide industry-specific apprenticeship opportunities to fresh graduates.
15. b. None is correct; The Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Prakash Javadekar launched Operation Digital Board to leverage technology in order to boost quality education in the country. It will be introduced all over the country in government and government aided schools from class 9th onwards as well as in higher education institutions. The process will begin from the coming session of 2019 itself. DB aims at converting a class room into a digital class room and in addition to availability of e-resources at any time and at any place to students, UGC will be the implementing agency for ODB in HEIs. UGC has passed a resolution for extending digital education to every classroom in the country by 2022.
16. c. Dhanush; A clearance for bulk production of 114 'Dhanush' artillery guns has been received by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) from the Indian army. It is the first long-range artillery gun to be produced in India.
17. c. Only (i) and (ii) are correct; Through the scheme the State Government will bear all expenditure including course fees, hostel fees and mess fees and there is no limit prescribed for the expenses
18. a. Karnataka
19. b. 6.1; According to the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) Periodic Labour Force survey (PLFS), India's unemployment rate was at a 45-year high of 6.1 percent during 2017-18. According to the report, among rural males and females between 15 and 29 years of age, unemployment stood at 17 percent and 13.6 percent respectively
20. d. 47th; The Inclusive Internet Index 2019 was prepared by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) for Facebook. The 'Inclusive Internet' score was based on the scores of availability, affordability, relevance and readiness categories. The 2019 Index evaluated 100 countries, representing 94 per cent of the world's population and 96 per cent of global GDP. Sweden has topped the rankings followed by Singapore and the US. India has been ranked 47th
21. a. 7%; The data released from the Ministry of Commerce and Industries shows that the FDI inflows to India contracted by 7 per cent to USD 33.49 billion during April-December in the financial year 2018-19.

22. b.
February 21
23. d. Only (ii) is incorrect; The GST council has decided to slash the tax rate on under-construction residential properties and the affordable housing projects category. The GST council has reduced the GST rate for under construction residential properties from the present 12 per cent to 5 per cent. The GST rate for affordable housing category is now 1 per cent compared to the present 8 per cent. The new rates will be applicable from April 2019. For both under construction and affordable housing category the builders would not be able to claim the input tax credit (ITC) which they used to get when the tax slabs of 8 per cent and 12 per cent were applicable.
24. a. Sanjeev Sharma
25. c. An entity would be considered as a startup up to a turnover of Rs 100 crore as against the earlier limit of Rs 25 crore. The government has relaxed the norms under the definition of Start-Ups. The investment limit of angel investors to seek exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961 has been increased to Rs 25 crore from 10 Crore. An entity shall be considered a start-up up to 10 years from its date of incorporation/registration instead of the previous period of 7 years.
26. a. Punjab; Punjab declared the endangered Indus river dolphins -- one of the world's rarest mammals -- as the state's aquatic animal.
27. a. 10-15%; Just two days before the union budget, the customs duty on electric vehicle components which are imported in a knocked-down or semi knocked down state, have been reduced to 10%-15%, according to the notification issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs which came into effect from January 30, 2019
28. a. Rs. 60000 to Rs. 2 Lakh; Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB) announced the launch of Ujjivan Bank Kisan Suvidha loan to offer financial credit services to small and marginal farmers. It is the first bank in this category to offer collateral free loans for both agriculture and allied activities. The product provides hassle free loans to individuals with amount ranging from Rs60, 000 – Rs2 lakhs.
29. c. Rishi Kumar Shukla; Rishi Kumar Shukla was appointed the chief of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a fixed tenure of two years, according to a Personnel Ministry order.
30. a. Piyush Goyal; The Union Minister of Railways and Coal, Piyush Goyal has been awarded the Carnot Prize 2018 for the transformational changes brought by him during his tenure as Union Minister of Power.
31. e. Only (iv) is correct; In the Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index Denmark is the world least corrupt country scoring 88 out of 100 points. Denmark is followed by New Zealand and Finland. Somalia has been ranked last with a score of 10 behind South Sudan and Syria. India has moved up to 78th position in 2018. India was ranked 81st in 2017.
32. d. 2025; India has set the target to eliminate Tuberculosis in India by 2025. To evolve a strategy in this regard, India has put in place National Strategic Plan 2017 – 2025 which sets out the government plans of how the elimination of TB can be achieved. Elimination of a disease is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as there should be less than 1 case of TB for a population of a million people.

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34. c. 1; Elimination of a disease is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as there should be less than 1 case of TB for a population of a million people.
35. b. China; India stands as world's second largest importer of LPG, after China.
36. a. Arunachal Pradesh; PM Narendra Modi laid Foundation Stone for the Sela Tunnel Project in Arunachal Pradesh across Sela Pass.
37. d. DD Anuprabha; PM Narendra Modi launched various developmental works in the state of Arunachal Pradesh which includes DD Anuprabha – a dedicated 24×7 Satellite channel for Arunachal Pradesh.
38. a. Dikkibandi stadium; The government of Meghalaya has decided to rename the Dikkibandi stadium after P A Sangma.
39. d. Sarthi Sandesh Vahini; The Sarthi Sandesh Vahini vehicles were flagged off by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The Uttar Pradesh state family welfare department has initiated the Sarthi Sandesh Vahini mission to spread awareness regarding family planning in urban and rural areas.
40. c. All are incorrect except (iii); Ministry of External Affairs. It was a three-week programme in existence since 2003. In 2016, the scheme was revamped to increase duration from 21 to 25 days, with a 10-day visit to one or two States and preference given to PIOs from Girmitiya countries. Since 2016, six KIPs are being organised in a year.90% of the total cost of international airfare is also paid by the Ministry.
41. b. 40
42. c. Under the scheme, the government aims to provide 1 Tola Gold to brides; The government of Assam has announced a new scheme called Arundhati to provide gold at free of cost to the brides. Under the scheme, the government of Assam aims to provide 1 Tola Gold to brides belonging to all such communities of Assam where it is customary to provide gold at the time of the wedding. The government has set aside Rs 300 cr has been for the implementation of the Arundhati Scheme. The scheme is limited for economically weaker sections, whose annual income is below Rs 5 lakh.
43. b. Great Indian Bustard; The mascot for the event, Great Indian Bustard has been fondly named as 'Gibi'.
44. a. Dubai; The seventh annual World Government Summit was held in Dubai (UAE). The World Government Summit is a forum dedicated to shaping the future of governments.
45. d. Sanjiv Chadha; The State Bank of India's UK head Sanjiv Chadha has been honoured with the 'Freedom of the City of London' award in recognition of his contribution to promoting the bilateral relations.
46. c. 2 crore; The six-member monetary policy committee (MPC) headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has lowered the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 per cent. The limit of collateral free bank loans for farmers to Rs 1.6 lakh from Rs 1 lakh The definition of "bulk deposits" has been increased to Rs 2 crore from Rs 1 crore currently.

47. d. Dhabhi; Abu Dhabi has included Hindi as the third official language to be used in its courts, alongside Arabic and English. It is part of the efforts of Abu Dhabi to improve access to justice.
48. c. Mool Chand Sharma
49. a. 10 February
50. b. Faridabad
51. d. February 12th to 18th; National Productivity Council (NPC) is celebrating National Productivity week from February 12th to 18th, 2019. This year, the theme is "Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability". This theme will help NPC to meet its zero waste goal.
52. b. 5%; The Rajasthan Assembly has passed the Rajasthan Backward Classes Amendment Bill, 2019. The bill aims to address the demands of the Gujjars who are protesting for reservations. It provides five per cent quota in jobs and educational institutions to Gurjars, Banjaras, Gadia Lohars, Raikas and Gadaria communities.
53. e. MSME; The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a three-year extension of the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-gradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) with a total outlay of 2,900 crores on 13th February 2019. This scheme will continue beyond the 12th Five Year Plan for three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20. Under this scheme, an upfront capital subsidy of 15 per cent will be provided to the MSMEs on institutional finance of up to Rs 1 crore availed by them.
54. d. Resources; The Energy and Resources Institute is a research institute in New Delhi that specializes in the fields of energy, environment and sustainable development. Established in 1974, it was formerly known as the Tata Energy Research Institute.
55. b. Arthur van Doren
56. b. February 13; The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) every year celebrate February 13 as the World Radio Day. World Radio Day 2019 is celebrated to highlight the importance of the radio in its search for a more peaceful and tolerant world.
57. a. e-Aushadhi; Ministry of AYUSH launched the e-Aushadhi portal for online licensing of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy drugs. The new e-portal, e-Aushadhi is an acronym for Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy Automated Drug Help Initiative.
58. d. Thaawarchand Gehlot
59. e. Only (i) is true The Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal has announced a PRANAM Commission to look after the issues related to the Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring (PRANAM) Bill. The bill makes it mandatory for state government employees to look after their parents and unmarried differently abled siblings who do not have their own sources of income. The bill proposes that if any complaints related to ignorance towards parents or unmarried differently abled siblings, then 10 or 15 per cent of the employee's salary will be deducted by the government and paid to the parents or differently abled siblings.
60. b. Dr Divya Karnad Dr Divya Karnad, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Ashoka University has been awarded the prestigious Global Future For Nature Award 2019 for her work

marine conservation. The other recipients of the Global Future For Nature Award are: Fernanda Abra (Brazil) and Olivier Nsengimana (Rwanda).

61. a. Tiger Woods

62. a. Raigarh; The Raigarh Municipal Corporation of Chhattisgarh has won the “Swachhata Excellence Awards 2019”. The municipal corporations of Ambikapur of Chhattisgarh and Kumbakonam of Tamil Nadu have bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

63. d. A-(iii); B-(i) ; C-(ii) D-(iv)

Appointed Person	designation and organization
A. Govind Prasad Sharma	(iii) National Book Trust
B. G C Anupama	(i) President of the Astronomical Society of India
C. Pramod Chandra Mody	(ii) Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes
D. Uma Nath Singh	(iv) first Lokayukta of Nagaland

64. e. Only (i); (iii) and (iiii) are correct The scheme defines Economically weaker sections as those whose family’s annual income is less than Rs 2 lakh

65. b. None is correct; The government of Gujarat has launched the second edition of the water conservation scheme Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan. The scheme involves cleaning and desilting of riverfronts, sprucing up of Irrigation canals. The state government has increased its financial contribution for the scheme to 60 per cent, which meant private groups getting involved would have to give only the remaining 40 per cent.

66. c. Only (i) is correct; The Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships are merit-cum-means based Scholarship instituted in 2006-07 for Sri Lankan students Recipients of the Mahatma Gandhi Scholarships receive cash assistance during their two years of Advanced Level studies. This year’s awardees will receive Rs. 30,000 annually during their two years of ‘Advanced Level studies.

67. a. NBFC- Investment and Credit Companies; Asset finance companies, Loan companies and Investment companies have been merged into a new category called NBFC- investment and credit companies (NBFC-ICCs).

68. d. Only (ii) is correct; World Bank, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched new social impact bonds exclusively for women called Women’s Livelihood Bonds (WLBs). It will enable individual women entrepreneurs in sectors like food processing, agriculture, services and small units to borrow around Rs 50,000 to Rs 3 lakh

69. b. InfyTQ; IT giant, Infosys has launched the app InfyTQ app to offer learning and engagement experiences for engineering students. The online free platform InfyTQ is open to all engineering students in their third and fourth year.

70. e. Only (ii) is correct; Deloitte has announced the launch of its global initiative ‘WorldClass’ in India for the empowerment of women. WorldClass Initiative In India, the initiative aims to support 10 million girls and women by 2030 through education and skills development.

71. c. Sudan

72. a. Harmanpreet Singh; Harmanpreet Singh was awarded the 2018 Player of the Year award while women's team striker Lalremsiami as the Rising Player of The Year by the Asian Hockey Federation
73. a. Dehradun
74. d. Afghanistan
75. a. Rajasthan; Union Minister for Textiles Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru that showcases the Chhipa community's Bagru hand-block printing. Acknowledging the effort of Suraj Narayan Titanwala, who took the initiative of setting up the museum, Minister said that the museum is an example that art and culture are not dependent on the government for being nurtured or preserved.
76. e. Rail Drishti
77. d. Mahesh Elkunchwar; Eminent Indian playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar has been chosen for META Lifetime Achievement Award 2019.
78. d. SHREYAS
79. d. All are included except (iv)
80. a. Swedan
81. b. 2 crore
82. c. Jorhat, Bhopal; The National Institute of Design has been inaugurated at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh and Jorhat in Assam.
83. b. D.V. Sadananda Gowda
84. New Delhi
85. a. Punjab
86. a. Visakhapatnam; The Union Minister for Railways Piyush Goyal has announced the creation of new railway zone for Andhra Pradesh, Southern Coast Railway Zone to be headquartered in Visakhapatnam.
87. e. 150; 18-64; The World Health Organisation (WHO) has prescribed 150 minutes of weekly physical activity for the age group of 18-64 years to reduce the incidence of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD).
88. c. Mumbai; India's largest multi-cultural street festival -The Kala Ghoda festival begins in Mumbai to celebrate its 20 years of art and culture through cinema, theatre, dance, literature, and sculpture. Theme 2019: A Measure of Time.
89. a. Rajasthan; A mega exercise, EXERCISE VAYU SHAKTI-2019 involving 140 fighter jets and attack helicopters, in a firepower demonstration was held close to the border with Pakistan at Pokhran in Rajasthan.
90. a. Rs 28,000 crore The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) paid Rs 28,000 crore as interim dividend to the government, which will help the Centre meet its revised budget estimates that include an allocation for the first-ever income transfer to farmers and burnish its fiscal credentials ahead of the general elections.

91. d.
Model Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) proposed three models through which the states can implement the scheme – Insurance Model, Trust-based Model, Hybrid Model.
92. c. Hina Jaiswal
93. a. Adobe; Atal Innovation Mission and software major Adobe have signed a Statement of Intent to collaborate on enhancing digital literacy and creativity skills. Under the agreement, Adobe would implement the Digital Disha Programme across 100 schools under Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) initiative.
94. c. 1.6 lakh
95. PV Sindhu

